Table of Contents

1. Touchy Subjects
2. Just Like Her
3. The Other Way
4. A Higher Power
5. Dead End
6. Chaos
7. Just this One Time
8. A Diamond in the Rough
9. Home Coming
10. White
11. Showtime

Touchy Subjects

[image]

I woke up on my bedroom floor in the temple today... again. My back is sore and my neck is stiff. "I gotta stop doing that, how did I even get on the floor like that?" I sigh and make my way downstairs. As I drag myself downstairs I find my self gazing at my mother's portrait looming above me. "Heh, that subject is dryer than my mouth is right now." I open the fridge to find nothing worth my time. Why am I feeling this way? I usually only feel this way when a tragedy is on its way. The air becomes dense around me and I scramble for a glass of water to moisten my throat. "Huh. I wonder where the gems are." I decide to check their rooms since my schedule is open and I need something to distract me from my dark past I am constantly reminded of. At least Amethyst could amuse me. You see ever since I found out Pearl was keeping the secret of my mother's identity we haven't gotten along very well. She could've told me earlier and I could have gotten rid of myself quicker. After all, all I am to the gems is a burden. A reminder of their leader that lied to them about everything. The air is foggy between us and I'm too lazy to try and figure out where Pearl stands. Unfortunately I find myself in Pearls room and she doesn't even greet me. Guess I didn't really need to talk to her. As I was on my way out Pearls raspy voice cracks, "Steven... I'm sorry." My face turns hot and I approach her fountain. Her eyes are dead and tired. She doesn't look me in the eye but continues. " I shouldn't have said anything about Rose." My anger rises and I feel something else inside me rising as well. I don't know what it is but It feels ...powerful. I shout "You shouldn't have kept it from me at all! Mom was pathetic. Her leadership skills were faulty! She died to lend all of the garbage she left behind to me. And now I pay the price of feeling like a burden." I could see tears welling in Pearls eyes. What am I doing? I shouldn't take it out on her. Mom is the real enemy. If she could be back and solve her problems herself this wouldn't happen. If she was just... a diamond. And it's Pearls fault that mom wasn't a Diamond. She became Rose. But what about Earth? God there are too many thoughts running through my head!!! My

thoughts turned to anger and I take out on Pearl. I scream out of confusion and the ground cracks and Pearl retreats into her gem. I poofed her! What was this? My skin is turning red. No it's... PINK.

Just Like Her

[image]

I-I can't believe what's in-front of my eyes. What am I doing? What is this power? Garnet and Amethyst will be here any minute to see what's going on. I can't let them see me. Connie! Connie will know what to do. She always does. I leave Pearls gem in the fountain and ride to Connies house on Lion. What was I supposed to tell her. She'll think I'm a monster! With my skin glowing pink I burst into her room and blurt, "Connie I need to talk with you!" She jumps out of shock and her eyes open wide. "Steven! What happened to you?" I sit on her bed as she comforts me. "I poofed Pearl today." Silence fell around the room. I can tell from Connies look on her face that she doesn't know how to respond. "Steven I don't know what to say... this is all so sudden." Did she think I was different? "It's going to be okay she'll be back and I'm sure you didn't mean it Steven." I turn to her to explain what happened and why me and Pearl were arguing. "Steven I know its been hard for you ever since you found out about your mom but... she wasn't a bad person." I pace around the room and explain to her, "I'm sure my mother was great but she's cruel to me. Leaving all of her problems on me. She lied to everyone. If she had stayed longer she could've solved this herself." Connie chuckled. This is no laughing matter what is she doing? "Steven, she lives in you! You are her. I could feel the same power rising. "No I'm not!" My skin glowed even brighter than before. Then tears began to roll down my cheeks. " I am just like her aren't I. I left the damage I caused to Pearl to the gems." Connie also began to cry. "Steven you need to stop lying to them like your mom. You need to tell them how you feel." Connies eyes lit up. "Did Pearl ever tell you about the other way?"

The Other Way

[image]

"The other way?" I asked Connie. She turned to look me in the eyes. "Did Pearl tell you about the other way?" Pearl is keeping things from me again? I shook my head and she explained everything. "Pearl and me were taking a break while training one day and... well she told me there might be a way that you can and Rose can exist" My skin turned pale and before Connie explained the rest. I shouted, "Why didn't you tell me this? I thought I could trust you! No secrets!" Connie started to panic I was glowing again even brighter. "Steven I..." I interrupted, "No! I don't want any more lies!" I stormed out and Connie yelled after me however I didn't bother turning back. It turns out I really am utterly alone. Now I can't trust Connie either. Me and Lion headed back to the temple I needed to talk to Pearl. The house was dark and I entered Pearls room. To my surprise she wasn't there. I went into Amethysts room and nobody was there either. I dreaded going into Garnets room but I wasn't left much of a choice. The gems were there and I decided to listen in. "Pearl what happened?" Garnet asked. "It wasn't his fault it just happened. I don't understand what he is feeling. He sees his mother as an enemy. I don't get it!" Pearls voice was shaky and Garnet and Amethyst were surrounding her and trying to get the story. Amethyst looked nervously, "Steven poofed you? That's not like him at all." Garnet then took her glasses off and looked at both of them. "This isn't your fault Pearl. He needed to know. We all needed to know and we understand why you needed to keep it secret. We just need him to understand that she wasn't a bad leader. She kept things from us to keep us safe." I then fully entered the room. Garnet and Amethyst turned to meet my gaze. But Pearl wouldn't even glance at me. "I'm sure she wasn't a bad person, but she was selfish when she had me. She left all of her problem for me to solve. And nobody told me anything. She kept things from you and your keeping things from me! I am your DIAMOND!" The room went silent and the two gems turned to Pearl as she slowly turned to make intense eye contact. Suddenly a feeling of regret rushed through me. I'm doing it again I'm not anybody's diamond. Rose

would know what to do but she's not here. I'm being selfish they were trying to keep me safe. Auuug! Why does my mind keep on changing its mind? This only makes me want her back more. Pearl gave me an exhausted deadly stare. "Steven, yes you did take her from us, yes you remind me of her, and yes she did hide things from us. But she did it to protect us. Like we are trying to protect you. And don't tell me you don't want to be protected because that's what Rose wanted. Steven you don't have to be like her your a different person and that's ok." There was a pause I know I'm a different person but it feels like she was a much better one. She would know what to do. What is wrong with me? Never mind that, I needed to get back to what I came here for. "Pearl. If you miss Rose so much why didn't you tell me about the other way?" The room was so hot. The tension was rising and the gems didn't look too happy about my question. Pearl looked to the other gems for support but they were both looking to the ground. "Steven I was going to tell you but I didn't want you to go through with it."Garnet then looked up to me. "Steven we don't need Rose you could die!" I calmed myself and asked Pearl, "How is it possible... for me and mom to exist?" Amethyst finally rose to say, "It doesn't matter man it would be almost impossible to do without your human half dying." I didn't care the cost. I didn't matter anyways. I wanted them to have mom and I wanted mom to amend what she'd broken. "Pearl I know you have a plan written down where is it?" She refused. Out of no where Pearl pulled out a blue paper and ran towards the lava. I chased after her. I couldn't let those plans be burned I had to know. I grabbed Pearl and shoved her away from the lava. "Steven don't do this!" I wanted to respond but I couldn't. I wasn't going to let her distract me. She tried to run around me but a somehow I release a large pink platform and she was slammed into the wall. She was immobile and I grabbed the paper while Garnet and Amethyst ran after me but, like Pearl, I had rendered them immobile. I ran into my room and pulled out the papers. With sweat rolling down my face I read over them. The plan was perfect I could pull it off as long as they don't stop me. All I have to do is put this here pull that and.... 'CRACK'.

A Higher Power

[image]

My gem.... it cracked! I started to panic and threw my hands away from my gem and my body started changing just like Amethysts did the time her gem cracked. At this point my torso was thinned out and elongated. I couldn't reach my gem to heal it. Suddenly the gems bursted through the door and saw what I had done. Without one word they took me to the warp pad and traveled to my mothers fountain. My gem continued to crack. So much pressure was building up it felt like I was going through hell. Or maybe that's where I was going if we didn't get there in time. After all I almost killed Pearl and I've hurt so many people. I could see the fountain as we rushed towards it. And as Garnet set my body into the fountain everything turned black. It was cold. I felt more alone then ever before. It felt like years before I regained my vision. I could see the gems arguing above my body. I shut my eyes tightly to not create a distraction to their conversation. I wanted to hear it. "Pearl how could you let him get a hold of the plans!" Garnet shouted. "I didn't mean to I-I tried to stop him!" Pearl argued. Amethyst chimed in, "Why did you even have them?!" I squinted my eyes open discretely to see the scene. A look of guilt was slapped across Pearls face. She had no response to Amethysts question. So it was true. She did want mom back. She had wishful thinking at least. I had been right. I opened my eyes completely. And the gems looked down at me and silenced. "Steven you... your awake." Pearl stuttered. Everything felt shaky. I didn't know what to say. But I had to say something. "Pearl why didn't it work?" She seemed shocked by the question. "Steven I told you that it would be practically impossible! You'd need something more powerful than all of us combined. And even then we have no idea what would happened to your human half." I didn't care about my feelings anymore I was focused on my new objective. Who could be so powerful? I've heard of the diamonds before but I have no clue how to get to them or how to reason with them. However maybe I know somebody that could. I silenced my thoughts and spoke to the gems. "I think I need some time away from you guys." They first looked scared but they

eventually compromised. "Where are you going?" They asked. I told them I was going to stay with Peridot and Lapis at the barn. They looked at each other and nodded. "Fine but I'm going to come with you to make sure you get there safely." Garnet said. We headed back to the temple quietly and Garnet did as she said and took me to the barn. She told Peridot to keep a close eye on me. Peridot walked over to me and sat down. She asked me what was going on but I said it was nothing and I just wanted to visit. It was obvious that she didn't believe me. The gems brought me to the person that can tell me about home world. "Peridot what was home-world like?" At first she ignored the question but after nagging her about it enough she was like an open book. She talked all about the troops, the armies, the servants, their purpose, and many other topics that I wasn't looking to discuss. "Peridot... what were the diamonds like?" She paused and scrunched her nose deciding how to respond to the question. "The diamonds?" She asked as if she had never heard of them. "Y-know... Yellow and Blue?" She suddenly bursted our laughing as if what I'd said had been the funniest thing the universe! "What? What did I say?" Peridot wipes her tears of laughter away and sighed, "it's not what you said it's what you didn't say! Like Yellow and Blue are the Alfa!!!" She fell into another explosion of laughter and I was in shock. Another diamond? That's right! Why didn't I think of this before? Pearl mentioned something about a White Diamond. That could be enough power to remove my gem! "Hey Peridot I need to use the bathroom! I'll be right back" She waved me on and I stumbled my way out before she could say bye. Now all I need is a way to get to home world. Luckily I know somebody that can get me there in a flash. And nobody can get in my way.

Dead End

[image]

Hello everyone reading this AU! (This isn't part of the story btw hehe) I want to thank everybody that's been reading my AU! Your comments are very encouraging and I wanted to thank you! Considering this is my first story I've really put my heart into I really appreciate every body's patience with me and this story. I am open for any tips you have about writing and let me know if the chapters are too long or too short! Anyways enough of me enjoy this chapter!

I stumbled out of the barn and dashed to the temple. I didn't have time to think at all. What was I supposed to think of? I had no plan or any idea of what I was getting myself into! Soon enough I saw the temple in the distance and I wondered how I was going to get past the gems. What I did know was I wasn't going to last much longer without food. I slipped into the big doughnut and ordered some doughnuts. Sadie looked at me worried and asked me, "Steven are you alright? Your drenched in sweat and- and your GLOWING!" By the time she finished I had already left I didn't have time for people to worry about me. I've had enough of that. I peeked into the temple windows and saw the gems head into their rooms. "Perfect" I snuck into the kitchen packed materials and ran upstairs. "Good your right where I want you." Lion. Lion could get me anywhere I needed to be. "Lion I know you know where home world is. Take me. Lion looked at me lazily and sat. "Lion! I don't have time for this now GO!" I sat on his back and he sunk further into the ground. Really? At a time like this he doesn't want to go? I offered some chaps and even then he didn't budge. I'd never done it before but I had no choice at this point. I took me foot and jabbed it into the side of lions stomach. The look of betrayal was unbearable but at last I had arrived in homeworld. Lion gave me a sad gaze as I left him. He would go back home and be fine. So... what now? I didn't have a plan for how to get to White. All I knew was I stood out. Suddenly a gem grabbed my hand and dragged me through the crowd of other gems. I panicked for a second but my mind went

blank. I had no idea where I was and no idea who was taking me or where they were taking me. I figured it couldn't get worse. Suddenly we were in a building of some sort. I saw the gems face as she turned to me. She had a green pastel skin tone with blue pigtails that looked like dumplings. She wore a light blue turtle neck dress with a dark blue diamond on it with long draping sleeves and a cone shaped center (like a poodle skirt). Her face had multiple marks of many colors scattered across it and her eyes were very bright green. Unfortunately she didn't look too happy to see me. She looked me up and down and shouted. " Where is your uniform?" She looked at me like I knew how to respond. "Uhhh I.." Before I could try to finish she mumbled, "First the Amethysts help those criminals escape from the zoo and now they aren't even in uniform! They act like they own the place! She then dragged me into a room and looked down at one of those touch screens Peridot had. She then grabbed at my shirt and began to take it off. My face turned red, that wasn't my powers. I backed up and asked, "woah woah woah, what are you doing.?" She sighed and said, "Getting you into your armor. Since you Amethysts keep on losing your armor we spend tons of energy on making new ones. I'll leave you to removing your... garments. Where did you get those anyways?" All of a sudden I couldn't think. "Umm I uhhh Earth?" She started at me for a moment then told me to hurry up and undress. She left and waited out side as I removed my clothing. As soon as all of it was off two machine arms came around me with hot armor in their clutch. They moved closer to me I would be burned! I tried to run out of the room but that gem shoved me back in the arms got closer and closer until they reached my skin. It was unspeakably hot. I tried to crouch but more arms came in to put me into the correct position and CLAMP. The armor had covered my arms, legs, and my torso. Tears welled up in my eyes. This was it. I was going to die right here. I could feel the molten rock mold to my skin as they poured cooled the room the rock set and my entire body went numb. Blood leaked out of the creases in the armor. I wiped it up to not create confusion. The skin around the molten rock was stinging. I had never felt more pain in my life. Tears rolled down my cheek and I collapsed to the ground. The gem walked into the room and formed a bubble around us and took us to a small room like an apartment but much smaller. Suddenly my pain practically disappeared. But I couldn't feel anything I was completely numb.

She let down the bubble and said, "rest in your quarters today to fix yourself up, you look terrible. You must be a new Amethyst. They seem to be more and more off color nowadays! Here take this. I'll be here tomorrow to take you to your next assignment." She handed me a container of purple glaze that was very sticky and she left mumbling about her next assignment. I looked at the pictures to see what on Earth I was supposed to do with it. "They want me to paint myself?" I scooped out a handful of the sticky substance and rubbed it over my skin. It felt terrible and made me more uncomfortable than I already was. I realized my pink gem might become a problem and rubbed the glaze over it. I put it in my hair and anything else that wasn't covered by the heavy armor. What am I doing? How is this supposed to help me get to White? How is a little quarts soldier supposed to get the attention of White Diamond herself? I'm just stuck again. I should had a plan I've caught myself at another dead end.

Chaos

It's late. Or at least it feels that way. I stared at the blank white walls trying to think of something. Anything. I thought about the gems. What were they doing now? Had they found out? Peridot has probably already told the gems. Thankfully they wouldn't have to worry much longer. I was going to get mom back one way or another. I rest my hand on the wall and suddenly a big screen opened. It was a window. It was light outside. I wasn't surprised, as far as I know gems don't really sleep. Despite all of the despicable things the gems have said about homeworld it was beautiful. A shiny city covered in lights with busy gems everywhere. Many unique gems I had never seen before. I pressed my hand to the wall again and the window closed. Laid down on the floor and fell asleep. Suddenly a bright light warmed my eyelids. I opened my eyes and I was... on the beach! How did I get here? I looked down at my hands and they were green. I've been here before I was in a watermelon Steven. It was like when Malachite was a threat. I realized that I was right in front of the temple. I needed to hide! I ran to the side of the house and peeked into the window and saw peridot pacing around the room. She was explaining to the gems what happens. Garnet started shaking and the next thing you know ruby and sapphire appear. Ruby shouted, "I told you! He needed us and we let him get away!" Sapphire moved her hair and shouted back, "He wasn't supposed to run away! I don't know anymore! The future keeps changing and Steven has become unpredictable. Ruby I was- I was scared! Steven could kill one of us easily. I don't want you to get hurt." The rest of the gems are silent. They've seen ruby and sapphire fight before but not like this. Sapphire and was usually so calm. I was in shock. They were.. scared of me. Pearl blurted, " This is all my fault! If I hadn't told him about Rose in the first place he would still be here!" The room went silent, Ruby and Sapphire stared up a Pearl. Amethyst looked down and whispered, "Your right... this is your fault" The rest of the gems backed away from Amethyst and Pearl wept on the floor. Amethyst then grabbed Pearl by the collar and threw her into the wall. Pearl didn't fight back. "You should've kept your secrets! Your the reason Steven has such

mixed feelings about Rose! Your always pretending around everybody! It's all your fault!" Amethyst shouted while swinging Pearl with her whip, slamming her into the walls and windows. Suddenly Ruby and Saphire began to argue again. Pearl has several lash marks on her skin. Her eyes were out of tears and blood spewed out of her mouth. Peridot was tugging at Amethysts arm begging her to stop but she ignored. I heard foot steps behind me. It was Connie I hid under the staircase as she walked up to the temple. Lion was with her. At least he got home safe. Connie looked in the window and burst in the door and I ran to the window to watch the scene. "What is going on here?!" Nobody had noticed she arrived except for Peridot. Peridot ran over to Connie and took her out to the porch. "Connie you need to get out of here! The gems have gone haywire!" Connie and lion looked at each other and walked into the temple. To get their attention Lion growled a gnarly growl that startled all of the gems. "What are you doing?! I understand your upset with each other but Steven is in trouble! He needs us right now. Take a look at yourselves!" The gems all looked at themselves then each other and burst into tears. Amethyst hugged Pearl and begged for forgiveness. Pearl placed her forehead on Amethysts shoulder and said, "it's alright" Ruby and Sapphire joined the hug and fused into Garnet again. Connie then sighed and pat Lions head. The gems wiped their tears and looked to Connie. "But how are we going to find Steven? He could be anywhere!" Pearl said. Lion unexpectedly ran outside and the gems followed. Lion sat and pointed his nose to the sky. "So like is he on the moon or what?" Amethyst mumbled. "No that can't be the moon. The moons over there that's... homeworld!" Pearl stuttered. NO! They can't know where I am! They could get hurt! I wanted to say something but I couldn't! All I could do was watch in anger. "But how did he-" Before Garnet could finish her question she knew the answer. They all looked down at lion and frowned. Connie broke the silence and said, "On the bright side If Lion could take Steven there he can take us!" Pearl took a long look at the gems and then smirked "Lets do it." They all walked into the temple and began to form a plan. My eyes slowly wandered away and closed. "Hello?"

Just this One Time

My eyes opened and I was in the same room again. I wish that was a dream but I knew very well it wasn't. The gems were probably wandering around homeworld this moment. A door opened "Hello? Ah there you are." It was the same gem from yesterday. She looked up from her screen at me and spun me around. "Very well done. You look like a decent Amethyst! Other than your height of course... Here slip into these." She handed my some of those limb enhancers that Peridot had. I touched my purple skin and the glaze hardened overnight!!! "Well don't just stand there hurry up!" I stumbled over to the door and followed the gem. "Where are we going?" I asked. Without looking back at me she said, "Were headed towards your next assignment. We're training. Like we did yesterday, and the day before that, and the day befo- the point is the Diamonds expect strong soldiers and us Chryroprases are expected to make them strong." A Chryro... what? I've never heard of this kind of gem before. "I think I'll just call you Chrys." She glanced at me and sighed. She was walking super fast and I could hardly keep up. We arrived to a warp pad and teleported to a muddy area that looked like a military base. There were several Amethysts and Jaspers in lines led by other Chryses. They looked different than the one I was with. They were taller and had plain blue hair. No brown at the top like my Chrys. They also had perfect faces without marks or flakes of brown. Was the Chrys I was with an off color? We met with a group of Amethyst and lined up. One of the Chrysopraseus remarked, "Late again? Maybe if you had longer legs you'd get here faster." The other Chrysopraseus laughed. Each of them commented on Chrys's "flaws". I felt terrible for not saying anything but I wasn't going to draw attention to myself. I leaned to the side to see Chrys. She had a straight face and didn't pay attention to them. We got to an obstacle course that they put us at the starting line and counted off. "3... 2...1!" I dashed towards the obstacle course and used just enough floating power to get myself through it. The obstacles were difficult and reaching the bars without it looking suspicious was even more difficult but I made it. I reached the finish line and turned to look at my group. They were

only at the first jump and struggled to get over. I saw the other gems laughing at my group as they struggled. I saw the Chrysopraseus laughing at Chrys. I knew I was supposed to stay silent and draw no attention but I couldn't help myself. I stepped back into the course and went back through to help my team. I grabbed several at a time and jumped through the course. Finally I got each gem to the finish line. I looked to see a proud look on Chrys's face but I met her eyes and she had a tear rolling down her cheek. The groups were called back to the starting line. Chrys didn't even look at me as we headed back. We went to the warp pad and teleported to what looks like a sword fighting ground. There were separate rooms for two people to battle. "Head to your stations" Chrys said. She lead me to a room with just me and her. "You'll be training with me since your new." She said. "Hey, what happened back there? I thought you'd be proud but you seemed troubled." She ignored me and handed me a sword. "Hey!" I grabbed her hand and she looked up at me with tears in her eyes. She covered her face and sat on the floor. I sat next to her and held her hand. I've been here too many times before. "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to do anything wrong." I whispered. I didn't expect to be helping any gems on this mission. I was supposed to leave that to mom. But just this one time... "No no it's not your fault it's mine. I should be a better trainer. I'm supposed to have perfect skin with perfect hair and perfect height. But I don't! Not only that I can't do my job correct. I have a purpose I can't fulfill. It's my fault that my group isn't successful. And you did a much better job at it than I could ever do!" She was sobbing at this point and laying her head on my shoulder. I tried to comfort her and said, " Maybe training isn't right for you?" She shook her head. "Training is what I was made for! I have to be good at it. Otherwise I'm defective... If only you guys were trained by Chesney, that's what Pink used to call her. She's beautiful and tall and Is just so..." She blushed and looked down. " I shouldn't be feeling this way. The diamonds would never approve!" Her face looked panicked and she was breathing heavily. "The diamonds opinion doesn't matter! You can feel however you want and be however you want!" Chrys let out a sad sigh. "Heh I wish that was true. You see us Chryroprases are new to homeworld so there's not many of us. As soon as they make more I'll be shattered, deleted, and replaced! You have a great future here but I don't think I'll last long here." Chrys wiped her tears and stood up. She looked

down at her screen where an alarm was going off. "OH my!!! We've been scheduled to guard the zoo! Everybody formation!" And we were off again like nothing ever happened. The zoo? Like the one I went to save dad from? Anyways we arrived at the zoo and formed another long line I stood at the very back of the line with Chrys. "Welcome to the zoo! This is where Blue Diamond keeps her human pets! I'm sure you recognize them! They are from Earth!" I nodded and looked to the front of the line. It looked like a scanner that the other gems were going through. "Uhhhh what's that up there?" Chrys pauses what she was saying and peeked at the front of the line. "Oh! That's our new gem scanner! Some Amethyst was trying to disguise as a Jasper! So we implanted a scanner into the zoo so we can catch traitors. It's not painful don't worry, and plus you'll be fine cause your not a traitor!" My face turned pale as the moon and cold sweat dripped from my forehead. Chrys's eyebrows scrunched and she grabbed my face so my eyes met hers. "You aren't a traitor right?"

A Diamond in the Rough

"You aren't a traitor... right?" I nervously laughed and looked at the scanner as a gem passed through. A loud speaker said in a monotone voice, "Jasper". Chrys punched my shoulder jokingly and said, "I'm just joking with you! Bahaha I really got you with that one!" She laughed at my side and I held the back of my neck and nodded. All of home world would know that I was Pink Diamond. This can't be happening right now!!! "Uhhhh don't you think we should go back to training? I mean that's more important don't you think?" Chrys looked at me shocked. "Are you kidding me?! This is the first time my group has been scheduled anywhere! Don't you see? This is my chance to convince the diamonds not to shatter me! Not stop talking and stand up straight." I did as I was told and peered around the line and it was going quickly. What was I going to say? I could see the same agate, Holly Blue, standing at the scanner. A large Jasper was whispering to her and Hollys eyes opened wide. "Attention soldiers! Blue Diamond has arrived at the zoo! You all should be in your best behavior." All of the soldiers immediately straightened up and silenced. I thought things couldn't get any worse, but here we are!Chrys was breathing heavily and mumbling to herself. I assume she hasn't had much contact with the diamonds, she must be nervous. I grabbed her arm and gave her a reassuring look and she took and deep breath in and set her eyes on the scanner. I was able to forget what was happening for a few seconds. The confidence in Chrys's eyes made me feel proud. It wasn't long until I felt my heart sink again, remembering the scanner ahead and tried to form a plan. This could be a way to get attention from the diamonds. I began to smile and realized I have nothing to worry about. This was my gateway to getting Rose back. There was no more worry a talk between me and Chrys. I closed my eyes and listened to soldiers footsteps, "click click". I listened to each name being called out. "Jasper 2045, Amethyst 7980, Jade 8566." It felt nice being able to relax for a bit. I opened my eyes back up and it felt like I had almost time traveled. The line had shrunk in a matter of minutes! There were only a few more gems in front of us. The Jaspers were much larger up close. Finally we

arrived to the scanner. "Go ahead." Chrys said. Suddenly I got nervous again. My feet wouldn't leave the ground. Out of nowhere I felt a pair of large hands on my shoulders that pushed me towards the scanner. I turned back to see the gem and it was another large Jasper. "Uh hold on I think I left something back at the training grounds! Hehe uhhh yeah." They laughed at me and pushed me right through the scanner. The speaker pierced through the silence with the words, "Welcome to the Zoo PINK DIAMOND." If the room wasn't silent before it definitely was now. Each gem was wide eyed with their jaw dropped. The jaspers dropped their weapons and fell on one knee. I felt the ground vibrate and heard the sound of large footsteps walking towards us. You want to know what I did? I ran. I ran so fast I didn't know which way I ran. I didn't hear anybody chasing after me. So many things were happening at once. I told myself I wouldn't run but... something inside me said I had to. I saw a tight space to turn into in between buildings. I drifted into the alleyway like a car and 'BANG!' My head slammed against a wall. My vision became blurry. I could hear voices but could hardly make out what they were saying. "Where is she?! Find her NOW" I heard a powerful voice say. I saw a crowd of many different gems pass me by. There was panic in their eyes and loud voices shouting. I felt a small hand land on top of mine. I was in too much pain to see who it was. Even if I could turn my head my eyes wouldn't be able to identify them. I heard their voice come close to my ears. "Ameth-Pink Diamond, are you alright?" I may not be able to see but that's Chrys's voice. She sat me up against the wall and placed her cold fragile hand on my forehead. I blinked a few times and at last I could clearly see her colorful face. How could anybody call her face wrong. It's perfect. I wish I could make her see that. I licked my hand and placed it on my forehead. Chrys watched in amazement as my foreheads bruise disappeared. "I'm sorry for not telling you. I really wanted to but... I was scared." We stared at the floor and Chrys chuckled under her breathe. "No wonder you were so much better than my soldiers. Heh. At least that makes me feel better." She sat down next to me against the wall. I looked at her frown as her eyes traveled the floor. "Hey. Don't listen to this other gems, your perfect just the way you are. I think you face is quite beautiful. It makes you unique and different. And that's coming from a Diamond!" I joked. Her frown turned into a smile and she giggled. "So you can heal things. That's pretty cool..." I laughed awkwardly I

didn't know what she wanted me to say. It seemed obvious but I couldn't think. I asked, "Did you want me to heal you?" She thought about it for a second and looked back up to me and sighed with a slight smile. "It's what makes me unique right?" She set her head on my shoulder and I rest my head on hers. I tuned into the crowds words and a voice shouted through the crowd, "Steven?!"

Home Coming

"Steven?!" I heard a voice call out. A familiar voice... Pearl? I peeked out of the Alleyway and saw a group of gems. A big Amethyst, a small Jasper, a Bismuth with a Pearl at her side, along with a Sapphire and a Ruby. It was them. They were wearing armors and hairstyles I'd never seen them wear. And that small Jasper... it's Connie! I hid back in the Alley with Chrys. "So where'd you go? After all this time the Diamonds thought you were shattered!" I debated on whether I should tell her the truth or not and I figured I might as well. After all she wouldn't see me ever again after mom comes back. "I stayed on Earth and made friends with other gems there. Gems like you that felt like they were more than what they were made for. We protected the life on Earth, for it was precious." She looked up in shock, "There are other gems like me? Where? I have to meet them!" I gave her an awkward smile and told her, "They're looking for me here right now. You see I came her to get the real Pink Diamond." She tilted her head and scratched it in confusion. "But you are Pink Diamond! The scanner said so." I shrugged, "Well you see I'm half human, those creatures on Earth, My human pare-uh- creator gave me my human half and Pink Diamond gave me my Diamond half, but in order to do that she had to sacrifice herself." She gave me a blank stare and then finally spoke, "Ooohhh I see! So your trying to separate those half's so you can both exist!" I laughed and nodded, "I know it's complicated but I thought the Diamonds could help." She scrunched her eyebrows and asked, "So If Pink was never shattered what happened to Rose Quartz?" I laughed and scratched the back of my neck, "Oh boy... Here we go!" I told the entire story of how mom was Rose Quarts while only having to repeat a few sentences five times. She took a deep breath in and closed her eyes. "So you're telling me Pink and Rose were the same person?!" "YES!" Chrys held her forehead in her hand and just took all the information in at once. She then proceeded to grab my hand and pull me to my feet. "I guess we better get you to the Diamonds then huh?" We nodded at each other and looked down towards the scanner the guards left and the crystal gems must've followed the crowd looking for me.

We snuck our way towards the entrance and jumped over the scanner. "Alright If Blue is still here, and I'm certain she is, she'll be in the room with the bubbled Quartzes. She led me towards the room and opened the door. There she was, Blue diamond. She was speaking to the bubbled gems, "Maybe you all aren't so bad, after all Pink is still alive. Pink shall decide your fate once she shows up." Me and Chrys looked at each other with sweat running down our faces. She stepped forward and spoke to Blue, "Ahem-Sorry to intrude my Diamond but... I have Found Pink Diamond." Chrys was shaking in her limb enhancers. I stepped forward and looked up at Blue. "What is the meaning of this! That's Pink? Impossible!" Blue bent down and lifted me up to observe my gem. I peeled the hardened gel off ."Nothing but a Rose Quartz... But how did you manage to live? We destabilized all of the Rose Quartzes!" Chris nervously laughed and pulled a gem scanner from her wrist devices. "PINK DIAMOND" the scanner said. Blue inhaled sharply and tears started to roll down her cheek. The air became thick and everything was tinted blue. Both me and Chrys started crying. "Why? Why did you leave us Pink? Did we really fail you? And why are you like this? What.... what happened?!" Blue collapsed to her hands with her hair flooding the floor. I trudged through her tears to reach her face. I explained what happend to Pink and Rose and why I had returned. Blue sat up and wiped her tears away. "The whole time you were Rose? So you don't remember me? Then I suppose we need to get to White. But what about you and your human half?" Chrys also had concerns for my human half. "Yeah what's going to happen to you after?" Damn it! How many times do I need to make people understand! I don't matter! I'm giving In. She can fix everything. "I'm going to be fine. W-I have a plan worked out." Blue stood up and picked me up and Chrys hopped on too. "Oh. You won't be needed anymore but thank you for returning Pink Diamond to me." Me and Chrys looked at each other. "But-I" Chrys interrupted, "No it's fine. You need to go alone. I'll see you in the other side!" I watched her as Blue walked away with me. Chrys was waving goodbye. Blue and I headed towards the Diamonds palaces or quarters or whatever you want to call them. We got inside and Yellow Diamond Approached. "What are you doing with that Amethyst there Blue?" "This is no Amethyst Yellow. This is Pink!" Yellow blankly looked at Blue and then down at me. "The scanner said so itself! She's finally home" I showed her my gem with a half

smile. "Well in that case welcome back." Yellow seemed sarcastic and tired. "I can't believe you..." Blue cried out as Yellow was about to leave. "After all this time this is all you say! This is why she left! We never made her happy or cared about her feelings!" Yellow stopped in her footsteps and turned around. "Well maybe if Pink actually worked hard we could respect her. Our world is supposed to be perfect! Her feelings shouldn't matter. They shouldn't exist in the first place! I always worked to expand our perfect community and that still wasn't enough to please White. But Pink didn't do anything! And yet you still cared for her!" Yellows eyes were teary and her fists were clenched. "Yellow take a look at yourself. Tell us what's wrong. Obviously you have feelings of your own, were here for you." My voice cracked. Yellows eyes closed and she sighed. "It's just... ever since Pink left we haven't seen White. We've been working with no appraise. And it just feels so..." Blue grabbed Yellows hand and said, "I thought you said feelings shouldn't matter?" Yellow sighed and plucked me out of Blues hand and furrowed her eyebrows. I think I understand now. We've all been feeling this way you just show it." We came in and group hugged. "Welcome home Pink"

White

Me Blue and Yellow knew what's we had to do but had no idea HOW to. We tried destabilization but it only sent a shock through me. We also tried to release my physical form but I just hurt afterwards. "Well what now? I can't pull out your gem without cracking it. I don't want to risk that since it could lead to shattering." Yellow paced the room scratching her helmet. "We need to get to White we have no choice" Blue and Yellow chuckled. "Oh silly we haven't been able to speak to White for thousands of years." Blue giggled. "Well maybe I can. Even If it's been thousands of years I'm back now! We can reason with her." Blue and Yellow looked at each other like they were communicating without words. Yellow sighed and said, "We'll I suppose... White will want to see you now that you've returned. She's probably in her head so we must make our way there without drawing to much attention. We left the building and approached Whites head. There were gems crowded everywhere. Busy with their tasks however many got distracted and gazed at the sight of Blue and Yellow in one place. "Well, *gulp* we're here... what now?" Blue stuttered. I turned back to look at them and they were both shivering with a terrified expression. "What do you mean what now? I thought you had a plan! You looked so confident before! What happened to you guys?" They both angrily gasped at me, "We had a plan?! Since when? Your the one who showed up here needing White Diamond all of a sudden! Also take this coloring off, you look ridiculous! I wiped off the purple coloring with my hands. It wasn't very effective so went to blues room and I washed off. I gasped realizing what they were doing, "You guys are stalling aren't you?!" Blue turned to me with her eyebrow raised, "I'm sorry what did you say?" I could feel myself glowing that bright fluorescent pink like before. "ENOUGH" I shouted. I saw the ground crack below me. "I'm so sick and tired of every body trying to stop me or slow me down! I'm going to white whether it's with you or not!" I stomped my way out, the floor shattering beneath each step. "Pink wait!" I couldn't be bothered to turn around at this point . It was too late. I already made my mind. If they wouldn't help me I'd help myself. I dashed towards the door

and left. It looked like a completely different place this time. A large screen had the words Pink Diamond is back! Bring her to White. There was a loud siren going off and gems were chattering and dashing around. In the crowd I spotted Chrys. My heart jumped and I ran towards her. While running I heard a different voice call out, "Steven?!" I turned to see who it was. Connie. Our eyes met for a moment and then she disappeared from my field of vision. I hadn't been paying attention to where I was running and I ended up tackling Chrys. "Pink?" Chrys said. "Yes shhhhhh. I need you to boost me up there. I pointed up to Whites head. She nodded at me and we snuck towards the ship. Chrys got on her knee and just before she boosted me up she said, "Don't forget about me." And there I was shooting up towards Whites ship. I slipped into the eye and gazed down at the crowd of gems. Standing still looking at me through the crowd was Connie. None of the gems were with her. She was alone. What was she doing? I crawled through the eyes and entered a dark room. There stood White. "White?" My voice echoed in the dark room she turned her head towards me with a somewhat creepy smile on her face. "Oh starlight welcome back home. Is your tantrum done?" Are you ready to be Pink again? Or should I say Rose?" My heart feel to my feet. How did she know. How could she possibly know? "Oh it's alright starlight I see you fumbling with your words we will get you back in shape very soon. But first we must prepare. I'm so glad you want your power back. Things will be better this time. You can create many colonies and expand our empire! It will be perfect. That silly Earth of yours won't be a problem after this." My brain was running too fast to form a response. "But I-I" A large white platform lifted me up from the ground. "Unfortunately we'll have to do this another time. You should've told me about your dilemma before hand and we could get to it right away." A bubble formed around me and I felt it move around. The walls were let down and I was in a large pink room. This must've been Pinks room. What just happened? How did she know about everything? Who could've told her? I don't know. All I know is I need to rest. "Back to the floor... ugh." Just as I went to lay on the floor a bed appeared in the room. I heard high pitched chatter in the room. I looked under the bed and there were little gems that looked like rocks you'd find on the side of the road. So she kept gems a slaves too? Pink has a lot of fixing to do when she gets back... What happens now? I guess I just need to wait. "Pink? Is

it really you?" A small high pitched voice called out from under the bed. "Kinda... well she's a part of me. Her and a human combined I make me." They we're silent for a moment, "So your a fusion? That's pretty crazy Pink. I've never seen any fusion like that" I wish I was a fusion. That'd make it much easier to get mom to solve her own problems. "No not exactly. You see humans have a... power. They can create life with love. But Pink had to give me her gem to create me." The little gems gasped and whispered to each other. "I'm sorry... that I'm not her." I looked and the ground and a water droplet hit the ground. I was... crying? I didn't think there was any tears left to cry. One of the gems came out and dipped their hands in the tear. "What's wrong? Us pebbles are here to help you Pi- uhmm what's your name?" Pebbles huh? "I'm Steven. It's just... everybody counts on me to be just as great as Pink Diamond. Some of them WANT me to be her... but I'm not! I figured If I came here I could split my human and gem halves. Mom can fix all of her shi- garbage she left behind. That's why I'm here." I felt more tears run down my cheek. "That's why I need White."

Showtime

Hello readers! Thank you all for sticking around to read this story. This story has given me something to do over quarantine and really makes me exited. I can't wait to write more stories! I hope to do collaborations with my friends in time. However this is the FINAL CHAPTER!!! Please... enjoy...
I was asleep. It felt nice for once. Being able to rest without waking up and worrying. But my eyes opened at last. "Knock knock knock! It's Blue! I've got your Pearl!" I shot up and ran to the door. I cracked it open and there was Blue with.... Pearl! Like my Pearl! Well not mine.... but you get the point. What was she doing here? "Well... are you going to let me in or what?" Blue opened the door and Pearl walked in. "Haha! We found your Pearl! It was wandering around with a few other gems looking for their leader, you, and we found you!Isn't that wonderful?" Pearl didn't look at me. Her eyes were set straight ahead. "Ummm... yeah..... great. Hey Blue could I have a moment with my Pearl?" A droplet of sweat rolled down her head. "Of course Pink! I had some things I need to attend to anyways. By the way I wanted to apologize for stalling earlier. We were just... scared." "It's alright. I'll see you later." Blue headed out and Pearl let out a large breath and fell to the floor. "Are you alright Pearl? What happened?" I pulled her back to her feet and she wiped sweat off of her forehead, "Sorry... it's just been so long. I've forgotten how to be perfect y'know?" There was a silence in the room. The walls felt thick, especially the one between me a Pearl. I couldn't just let this wall stay here forever, so I decided to break it down. I lunged towards Pearl and hugged her. We fell to the floor. "Hahahahaha! Steven what're you doing? I thought you would be mad?" We laid on the floor and stared up at the ceiling. "No. I'm sorry. For running away, causing chaos at home, all of the things I've done I just..." Pearl placed her finger in front of my mouth. "It's okay. We both messed up pretty badly. I shouldn't have had those plans. We should've watched over you. This is a mess." There was silence again. But this time we shared the silence. It was nice. "So what now?", I asked. Pearl picked herself up from the floor and placed her hand on the window. "We could go home but Con-"

"What? You want me to... go back? No way! You can go back if you want, but I came her for a reason. And White Diamond can fulfill that reason." Pearl grabbed my arm, "Steven you don't understand Connie-" Before Pearl could finish the door opened. "Oh Pink! It's time!Pearl dropped my arm and froze again. Yellow and Blue were at the door to finally get mom back. They had wide smiles spread across their faces. I stepped towards the door. "We won't be needing your Pearl. She can observe the operation behind the screens." Pearl looked down at me and gulped. "We'll go on you heard her!" Pearl stuttered but she couldn't say anything. She walked through the door. Each footstep hesitant. This was it. Neither of us knew what was to happen. Me, Yellow, and Blue headed towards our destination. The walk seemed to last forever so I thought. I thought about what I had done... all of the problems I've caused for everybody around me. I thought about my mom fixing all of my problems and me not being there to cause any more problems. It would be perfect. I thought about what Pearl said. She tried to say something about Connie but I won't listen. I don't want to know about the pain I've caused Connie. That won't be my problem soon. I do hope everyone is alright though. If it isn't this is all for nothing. Then we finally arrived. Large heavy doors stood in front of us. And they opened... a giant circle surrounded by a giant crowd of gems awaited me. There was a chair in the center illuminated by a soft pink light above. "We'll go on..." I heard Blues soft voice echo to me. I approached the chair and the crowd seemed to disappear. I couldn't breathe or think. How did I get here? Was this really the right thing to do. I'm just a revenge seeking fool. I fell to the chair and slumped over. I could feel my breath fog up my own eyes. And my heart beat jumping up my throat. I looked up to see a large shadow at the top of a staircase. There stood White Diamond. Two Jasper guards approached the sides of the chair. "My diamond" they bowed towards me. They took heavy steps towards the chair and 'ting'. My arms! My legs! They cuffed me to the chair! I could feel my heart race faster and faster until I felt nauseous. "Welcome gems. Today we hold a... ceremony to welcome Pink Diamond back home." I felt Whites voice sliced through the air. "She has finally returned to reclaim her throne and finish her duties." What? What is she talking about. I just said I wanted my halves separated. Nothing about reclaiming the throne. "And she can finally destroy that useless planet called Earth. It shall be a incredible colony!" I felt my

blood freeze. W- what?! The lights turned on and I could see the "audience" observe behind large screens. I looked around frantically. A desperate attempt to see the gems. And there they were. Our eyes met and they knew. This isn't how it was supposed to go. Their fists hit the glass but no sound was heard. But where was Connie? I looked around the crowd and she was nowhere to be seen. Then I looked forward and there she was. Next to White Diamond sat Connie. She looked right at me. I couldn't read her. What was going on? This isn't right and Connie knows it! "And now we shall dispose of this human half!" White voice echoed in my skull. Repeating over and over. Dispose. No. This isn't right! "Stop! Steven you don't have to do this!" The Crystal Gems burst through the door with their weapons out. I couldn't form words. I looked at them struggling in the seat with tears welling in my eyes. Even without words they understood. They jumped towards White with their weapons prepared for impact. "Fools" White Diamond smacked the gems, crushing them into the wall. "Now... this will probably hurt, a lot." I felt the depths of my grave awaiting me. This was it. "But White, he said that his human and gem half should live toget-." White interrupted Blue. "They can't! His gem half will be required to return to the other half as long as it still lives." Whites hand approached my gem and I went limp. There was nothing I could do now. I lost the only people that cared about me to a stupid plan that didn't even work. And now I was going to die. Pearl and the others were carried back behind the screen. Whites sharp fingernails dug into my skin, each movement cut my skin more and more. I saw my gem get pulled out of my body but by bit until... it was out. Everything turned red. I saw my entire life flash before my eyes. I could be at home right now... but I'm not. This isn't what I care for. I was supposed to live. But I won't live through this. Was I dead already? I don't know... everything was dark and blurry. Was this purgatory? At last one of my eyes opened. I've never wanted to puke more than right now. But there was nothing in me to release. There was a crowd around me. However this time they weren't behind a screen. What happened to my eye? Is it swollen? I can't open it. Never mind that... I'm alive! I looked down at my stomach. A large circle was carved into me. Blood was pouring from it and it began to bruise. But my gem was gone. Where did they take it? I felt a warm voice whisper into my ear, "it's Steven right? That's what those gems called you. It's me Chrys." I almost forgot about

her. I promised her I'd be fine but... I'm not. "Why? Why did you lie to me? I cared about you! You said you'd live on with your gem half... but you lied. You... you promised." I heard her whimpering. "Chrys... I'm sorry. I shouldn't have talked to you. You wouldn't care about me and my death wouldn't hurt you." I could hear chatter around me. The other gems weren't bold enough to get too close to me. But Chrys stood next to me. "Steven... I'm glad you came into my life. If it weren't for you I would feel terrible about myself like before. But I don't anymore. You helped me, so now I will do whatever it takes to help you." Suddenly two large Jaspers came through the doors with large swords. "Step away from the subject" The Jaspers three Chrys away into the crowd of gems cheering things like, "get rid of this parasite!" And "Imperfect weakling!" I'm surrounded by people that want me dead. The only people that cared about me I turned away and lied to. The Jaspers raised their swords. "NO!!!" Just as they were going to kill me Chrys jumped in-front of me. "Chrys NO!" Her gem... was in pieces scattered across the floor... "NO! This isn't right! Stop!" One of the last people to care about me... just gone. And I couldn't do anything about it. Just like that. Shattered... And for what? I'm going to die now anyways. She deserved better. The Jaspers kicked the shards aside and held their swords up again. "Cmon! Kill me! Do it! Make it quick! PLEASE! I'm begging you... I just want to see Chrys again." I don't think I'm going to the same place though. The Jaspers raised their swords and without a word I was dead. But my eyes opened to reveal a dark silent room. Was this purgatory. A light pink aura surrounded me. I looked down and I was the pink aura! Was I alive? I was in my body but I was pink. "Your awake" I heard a familiar voice creak in the silence. "Hello? Who are you? Am I ...dead?" I dared to call out into the darkness. "No no! Your quite alive Steven. But you won't be Steven for long now will you?" I see. I'm in my gem half now. That voice... who was it? "Steven, don't you recognize my voice? It's me Connie." Connie? What was she doing here? Suddenly the lights turned on and I turned my head to see Connie. "Connie you've gotta help me outta here! They're going to turn me into Pink Diamond! The Earth will be destroyed!" Connie placed her finger over my mouth. "It's going to be okay Pink soon all of your problems will disappear." What is she thinking? White is going to kill her! "Why are you calling me Pink? Whites going to kill you and you'll never see me again!" Connie laughed abruptly, "Oh Steven, you always

have a way of making me laugh. You see me and White had a talk..." What? When did this happen? "She told me that if you were brought to her that you could rule again as Pink Diamond with me by your side! Luckily I didn't even have to bring you here you brought yourself!" I did... didn't I? "But Connie I won't know you! That won't be me!" I tried to grab her hand but large Amethysts held me back with rusty chains. "But... you came to bring your mother back... didn't you? That's what you wanted isn't it?" Had I lost Connie? Was she out of her mind?!? "Yes I wanted mom back but not like this! We were supposed to both make it!" The soldiers yanked me back into the wall. "It's always about what you want. Your always so careless with ones who love you and are selfish enough to leave them behind to get what you want! At this point your better off dead!" Connie slapped her hand over her mouth with tears in her eyes. "Steven I... I thought this is what you wanted" She sat on the floor with her back propped up on the wall. But the walls seemed to shift. Like curtains. I moved towards the wall quietly and pushed the fabric to the side. Once the soldiers realized they pulled me back and ran towards the curtains. Connie ordered that I look outside. I stepped towards the window, fearful of the scene I was to observe. There I was. A chair sat in the center of a circle surrounded by other gems. There my body lie in the chair. I was... alive! Holding on with each breath. Then we gazed right into each other's eyes. Reading each others thoughts, sharing each breath, feeling each feeling. I could feel the life draining out of me. The Jaspers raised their blades once more. "NO!" Connie shut the curtains as I fell onto my back. The pain of lifelessness while having to get back up is far worse than death itself. It was over just like that. The pain went away in a matter of minutes. I climbed to my feet to see Connie looking out the window at my lifeless body draped over the chair surrounded by shards of what could've been an incredible friend if I hadn't lied to her. "We're finally free. Your going to get what you want now." I could feel blood rushing to my head. "You think THIS is what he wanted? He's dead! This is what the Diamonds want! After all of this hard work! After understanding his mother and the choices she made he's dead! After years of White Diamond perfecting everything and ruining Stevens perspective of his mother she's going to get what she wants. I finally understood my mother and now they're going to turn her into something I thought she was but she wasn't. I finally understood that I was here

for a reason." Connie didn't look at me. She just stood there. "I did this all for you y'know... so don't you dare say I'm the bad guy here! Your the one that gave up!" She was right but I wasn't going to let them get their way. "You let me give up. You let them kill me! MURDERER. Your worse than White Diamond! I'm not going to let you or White get what you want!" I threw myself at Connie and this time the Amethysts pinned me to the wall. "But Steven we all agree this is the right thing to do." Pearl, Amethyst, Garnet, and the others came from the door on the side of the room. "Yeah Steven. It's for the greater good." They said with synchronized voices. Their skin was pure white and their eyes were empty. That wasn't the gems. It was White. They didn't deserve this... I won't let White keep them... "ENOUGH" the ground cracked below me and the gems and Connie smashed against the walls. I flung the Jaspers into each other and their gems cracked. I broke the chains and flew towards Connie. "I'm sorry Connie... I love you..." I lunged my first through the glass and sent her to the ground. It was too late for her... It wasn't her. I needed to destroy the source to defeat the problem. I floated down to the chair where my lifeless body sat. "White diamond" I called up to her and she gasped. I was going to do it. I dashed towards their throne. I felt my heart leap with each pounce. I flung up to Whites head and lunged my bloody fist into her gem. "How?! How did you get out." Her eyes were pixelated and here appearance was faded. "What have you done?" The diamonds panicked and tried to heal her. "What should've been done long ago." I flew at both of the other diamonds and fought until I was satisfied. I flung their crumbling bodies around, to destroy their hard work like they did to me. Gems were shattering one by one. This society can't be fixed. The only solution is destruction now. The crystal gems themselves without Whites control over them came out to view the destruction of this corrupted system. "Steven you... your wearing Pinks outfit!" I looked down at my outfit and I was in a her uniform. I was turning... "It has to be destroyed. All of the diamond need to be shattered... ALL of them." The gems looked away and Pearl silently approached me. She placed her hand in my shoulder. We spoke to each other without words... she understood. "It's too late for him. He's going to be Pink Diamond... and not the one we know." The crystal gems nodded and shared their last words each one with tears flooding down their face. They backed away from me whimpering their experiences with me and how much I meant to

them. I knew they would miss me but I told them they didn't need me anymore. Everything was going to be over. Pearls hollow footsteps drew near my gem. An echoed thud of tears hitting the floor filled the empty floors. Pearl pulled Roses sword from its scabbard. It's shiny blade welcomed me. "Thank you"